

HCS HBs 2298 & 2109 -- TAXATION BED AND BREAKFAST INNS

SPONSOR: Miller

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Small Business by a vote of 17 to 0. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Commerce by a vote of 7 to 0.

This bill changes the classification of a bed and breakfast inn in which the owner resides and has six or less rooms for rent from commercial property to residential property for real property taxation purposes.

This bill is similar to HB 1314 (2015).

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill creates a fairer tax system since most bed and breakfasts are owner occupied, and many times rooms are left empty. Also, the bill grants much needed relief to a struggling industry.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Miller; Mike Petitit and Kathy Marks-Petitit, Park Avenue Mansion Bed And Breakfast; and Sue Westenhaver, the Inn At Harbour Ridge Bed And Breakfast.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.